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Oil Spills Reported In McKenzie and Williams Counties

BISMARCK, N.D. – On February 12, the North Dakota Department of Health was notified of two oil releases in western North Dakota. One release was reported at a well site owned by Zavanna, LLC approximately eight miles east of Williston, N.D. Initial data indicates that 300 barrels of crude oil were released at the location, some of which sprayed off the location onto agricultural land. The company reported that approximately 295 barrels of oil have been recovered from within the storage tank containment dike.

The other release was reported by Newfield Production Company at a site approximately 20 miles northeast of Watford City, N.D. Initial data indicates that 35 barrels of crude oil were released at the location, some of which sprayed off the location over an area that includes a small, frozen pond. The oil impacted snow on top of the ice and is being removed. The oil spray is reported to have impacted an area of 90,000 square feet, or approximately two acres. The company reported that 20 barrels of oil have been recovered so far.

North Dakota Department of Health inspectors are on location at both scenes and will coordinate with the respective companies regarding clean-up. For more information, contact Kris Roberts, North Dakota Department of Health at 701.328.5236.

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